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1. WE ARE SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT WITH SPANISH JOURNALISTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE PARA 2 BELOW.
2. BEGIN TEXT: REGARDING PRESS COVERAGE OF THE RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT BY SPANISH DEPUTIES AND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MUGICA AND SOLANA, WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO CLARIFY MISAPPREHENSIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

-- REGARDING SPAIN AND NATO, THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO SEEK ENTRY IS UP TO SPAIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERNAL PROCEDURES FROM THE STANDPOINT OF SPANISH INTERESTS.

WE WOULD
SUPPORT A SPANISH DECISION TO JOIN.

-- REGARDING POSSIBLE PURCHASES BY SPAIN OF F-16 AIRCRAFT,

WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE USG AND THE

GOS, AND BETWEEN THE GOS AND THE PRINCIPAL MANUFACTURER,
SPAIN HAS SO FAR NOT MADE A DECISION TO BUY THESE AIRCRAFT.
IN THE 1976 U.S.-SPANISH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND
COOPERATION, THE USG COMMITTED ITSELF TO "FACILITATE
ACQUISITION" BY SPAIN OF 72 F-16 SHOULD SPAIN DECIDE TO
BUY THEM. END TEXT. COOPER

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